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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Prior Application: T. MURAMATSU et al
Serial No. 09/313,637
Filed: May 18, 1999

Group Art Unit: 1656
Examiner: J. Taylor
For: PREPARATION METHOD OF NUCLEIC
ACID SAMPLE FOR RARE EXPRESSED GENES
AND ANALYZING METHOD USING THE
PREPARED NUCLEIC ACID SAMPLES THEREBY

REQUEST FOR CONTINUATION APPLICATION
UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b)

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
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Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is a request for filing a continuation application under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b) of pending prior application Serial No. 09/313,637, filed on May 18, 1999, entitled PREPARATION METHOD OF NUCLEIC ACID SAMPLE FOR RARE EXPRESSED GENES AND ANALYZING METHOD USING THE PREPARED NUCLEIC ACID SAMPLES THEREBY, by all of the inventors named in the prior application.

1. Enclosed is a copy of the prior application,
including the Declaration as originally filed.

2. The Filing Fee is calculated below:

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CLAIMS AS FILED IN THE PRIOR APPLICATION
LESS ANY CLAIMS CANCELED BY AMENDMENT BELOW
PLUS ANY CLAIMS ADDED BY ACCOMPANYING PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Basic Fee							\$ 710.00	
Total Claims	6	-	20	=	0	x	18	= \$ 0.00
Independent Claims	6	-	3	=	3	x	80	= \$ 240.00
								\$ 950.00
Total Filing Fee								

3. A check including the amount of \$950.00 is enclosed
to cover the Filing Fee.

4. Cancel claims 1-21, and add new claims 22-27 before
calculating the Filing Fee. A Preliminary Amendment is being
filed herewith.

5. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any
additional fees which may be required, or to credit any
overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1417. A duplicate copy
of this Request is enclosed for this purpose.

6. Amend the specification by inserting, before the
first line:

--This is a continuation application of U.S. Serial No.
09/313,637, filed May 18, 1999.--

7. New drawings are enclosed, nine (9) sheets, Figs. 1-
10.

8. The power of attorney is set forth in the Declaration
in the prior application or an associate power of attorney is
hereby granted to:

CONTINUATION APPLICATION

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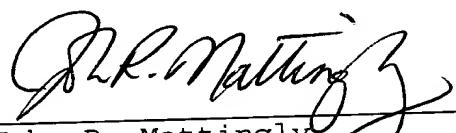
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9. The prior application is assigned to Hitachi, Ltd.
10. Priority of the following Japanese patent application is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119:

10-153651 filed May 20, 1998.

The certified priority document has been filed in the parent application.

The undersigned hereby declares that no matter contained in the specification, including the claims, and drawings filed in the present continuation application would have been new matter in the prior application Serial No. 09/313,637, as originally filed on May 18, 1999.


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